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Title:	"METHODS FOR SLOWING THE DEGRADATION RATE OF BIODEGRAD POLYMERS AND BIODEGRADABLE POLYMER COMPOSITIONS AND COMPOSITIONS THEREOF"))) 16 170	J 7 7
	<u>AMENDMENT</u>		
BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231		NEEDLE & ROSENBERG, P.C. Suite 1200, The Candler Building 127 Peachtree Street, N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30303-1811	
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2002. In light of the Amendment and Remarks herein, it is respectfully requested that the application be allowed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 10-11, 14-15, 17-18 and 21 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1 and 22 as follows:

1. (Three times Amended) A method for preparing an article from a biodegradable polymer composition wherein the method comprises: